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1. Between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 30 September 1953, 50 MiG-15s, 25X1
 4 Yak-11s, 2 biplanes, 1 single-engine semi-high-wing monoplane but no Pe-2s
 at Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) airfield. Weather was 1C/10 overcast, and
 after 10 a.m. there was a north-northwesterly wind blowing at a force of
 about 8 km per hour. The ceiling was at an altitude of about 900 meters and
 visibility was fair. MiG-15s which took off and landed from south to north
 practiced individual flying at an altitude of about 400 meters. The landing gears
 of the aircraft were not retracted during the 6-minute flights. Several aircraft
 could not land at their first approach because the altitude was too high when they
 had reached the Wiener Neustadt-Bad Fischau road and so climbed again to make
 another attempt. 25X1
 aircraft. No freight cars loaded with scrap were seen at the Feuerwerksanstalt
 railroad station. no AA guns at the southern emplacement. At
 a little distance from the emplacement 50 soldiers who wore red-bordered black
 epaulets were being trained with 3 x 37-mm guns. Truck towing a 25X1B
 37-mm AA gun was seen proceeding to the cantonment west of Wiener Neustadt. The
 bunkers at the southern AA gun emplacement appeared to be empty. No personnel or
 guns were seen at the eastern AA gun emplacement. There was no change in the
 status of the southern and northern rows of spotlights. The western group of
 houses was definitely occupied by civilians. The antenna system (Installation
 No 9) is probably used by amateur radio operators. In the yard of this house,
 source saw a number of various antennas including one which appeared to be a
 DF antenna and a ultra-short wave antenna. There was no change in the status of
 the radio installations. Near the eastern group of garages (Installation No 18)
 a new pyramid-like antenna with a disc and an 8 meter mast had been set up.
2. Aircraft observed at Theresienfeld airfield included 1 canvas-covered MiG-15
 parked in front of the hangar; 1 Il-28 without rudder assembly east of the
 hangar; 1 MiG-15 with dismantled engine in the hangar. About 40 gray crates
 measuring 2.5 x 1 x 1.5 meters were stored in front of the hangar.
3. The Artillerie Kaserne in Wiener Neustadt was guarded by sentries who wore black-
 bordered blue epaulets. There was no change in the status of the antenna
 installations. The Nachrichten Kaserne was guarded by soldiers who wore black-
 bordered blue epaulets. Trucks and weapon 25X1B
 were seen in the billeting area. The installation did not
 appear to be occupied to capacity. The cantonment west of Wiener Neustadt was

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guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]
the occupation of this installation had not changed.

4. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 2 October, [redacted] 46 MiG-15s, 1 Yak-11 and 1 biplane at Wiener Neustadt airfield. Weather was 3/10 overcast with moderate northeasterly wind, good visibility and a cloud base at about 2,000 meters. Flying by MiG-15s which had been parked in the dispersal area along Badener Strasse was started about 10:10 a.m. The aircraft took off from north to south on two different strips and landed from northwest to southeast. They taxied to the take-off point and back to the dispersal areas under their own power. Individual take-offs were mostly made, but groups of 3 MiG-15s took off together several times, and once a simultaneous take-off of 4 MiG-15s was seen. Aircraft taking off in groups were staggered to the right with a distance of about 10 meters between the individual aircraft. An air sleeve was dropped twice. Six tank trucks, 5 trucks, 1 Moskvich van-like truck, 1 command bus apparently occupied by 4 officers, 3 van-like trucks, 1 signal truck mounting an antenna mast were seen immediately north of the aircraft dispersal area along Badener Strasse. Tank trucks from which MiG-15s refuelled were parked diagonally or at right angles to the rear of the fuselages of the aircraft involved. The flight control station was guarded by a soldier who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Motor vehicles identified at the field and in its vicinity [redacted]

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[redacted] All drivers with black-bordered blue epaulets; [redacted] soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were also seen. Six trucks, 3 van-like trucks, 2 tank trucks and 1 Stalin-type tractor were seen in the eastern garages. The view of this installation was affected by a fence newly erected there. No Pe-2s were seen near the temporary buildings in the north. Five trucks were parked in this area. There was no change in the status of radio installations. New radio installations observed included a braced antenna mast about 70 meters north of the Wiener Neustadt-Bad Fischau road, west of a patch of wood land (Installation No 26); an antenna mast about 6 meters high near the southern AA gun emplacement (Installation No 27), a wire line supported by wooden poles about 2 meters high extended from this antenna mast toward Installation No 26; a small pyramid-shaped antenna fitted with a disc on a mast about 8 meters high in the new garage at the eastern garage installation, a signal truck was seen at the antenna mast (Installation No 28). The two pyramid-shaped antennas set up at the Artillerie Kaserne and the antenna at Installation No 28 formed a straight line.

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5. Source observed 1 MiG-15 and 1 Li-2 in front of the hangar of Theresienfeld airfield and 1 Il-28 without rudder assembly east of the hangar. A total of 24 crates were piled up in front of the hangar. Six van like trucks [redacted] were parked behind the hangar. The installation was guarded by soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Source observed 5 trucks and 3 tank trucks in the yard of the Tritol Works. Many soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets were seen near the repair shop at Theresienfeld. There was no change in the status of the SCR-602 radar set north of the factory.

6. There was no change in the status of antenna installations in the Artillerie Kaserne at Wiener Neustadt. The Nachrichten Kaserne was guarded by soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Two trucks [redacted] 1 tank truck and 1 van-like truck were seen in the garages of the installation.

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7. Between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on 3 October, source observed 33 MiG-15s, 3 Yak-11s, 1 biplane, 1 single-engine high-wing monoplane, but no Pe-2s at Wiener Neustadt airfield. The hollow near the Feuerwerksanstalt (pyrotechnic plant) could not be observed. Weather was fair and visibility unlimited. There was no flying about 100 meters west of the MiG-15s [redacted] 1 signal truck fitted with an antenna 5 meters long, a bus trailer, 1 tank truck and 2 trucks. No AA guns were

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seen at the southern emplacement. [] a 37-mm AA gun with canvas-covered barrel in the vicinity of the AA gun emplacement. The gun was guarded by a soldier who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On the roof of a shed at the eastern garage installation a small pyramid-shaped antenna fitted with a disc was being set up on a mast about 8 meters high. A large hook was seen below the passing wires. Trucks [] drivers with black-bordered blue epaulets, hauled potatoes from the Feuerwerksanstalt railroad station to the residential houses west of the railroad station. There was no change in the radio installations of the airfield. Truck [] driver with black-bordered blue epaulets was seen near the braced antenna mast in Felixdorf (O 43/X 35). Source observed an Il-28 without rudder assembly at Theresienfeld airfield. A gray crate was being unloaded from a Li-2. Another 14 gray crates were piled up in front of the hangar.

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8. The Artillerie Kaserne in Wiener Neustadt was guarded by soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Truck [] driver with black-bordered blue epaulets was standing in front of the gate of this installation. The Nachrichten Kaserne was occupied by soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Four trucks were seen in a shed of the installation. Soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with artillery insignia, were observed at the cantonment west of Wiener Neustadt. Details of five men each were being given instruction on 5 x 37-mm AA guns. [] target designation was being practiced. [] a van-like truck fitted with an antenna shaped like an hour glass in the billeting area. Truck [] driver with red-bordered black epaulets, was parked at the gate of the installation.

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9. The former Kadettenanstalt (officers' training school) quartered soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Some soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets were also seen. Trucks [] drivers with black-bordered blue epaulets, were seen at the gate of the installation. The vehicles were used for driving school practices.

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[] Comment. The report indicates that Wiener Neustadt airfield was still occupied by a Soviet fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments. Air activity observed on 30 September 1953 indicates that pilots were being retrained with MiG-15s. The Pe-2s which had been parked at Wiener Neustadt after the bomber units left Austria have in the meantime been dismantled and shipped away.

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